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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of Martin GIJS  
A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DISCRETE ELECTRONIC  
COMPONENTS  
Assignee: ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FEDERALE DE LAUSANNE  
Our Ref: Q-77996

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/889,739 (Confirmation No. 9070) filed July 20, 2001 of Martin GIJS entitled A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DISCRETE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-8), and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is Preliminary Amendment and a Submission of Corrected Replacement Drawing.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3729.

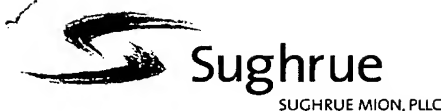
Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/889,739 filed July 20, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
European	99101187.5	January 22, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/889,739.



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**Please see the attached PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT before calculating the filing fee.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>5</u>	-	20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$ .00
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Base Fee										\$770.00

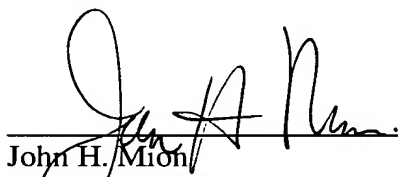
**TOTAL FILING FEE**

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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**PATENT APPLICATION  
Q-77996**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Martin GJJS

Appln. No.: (Div. of 09/889,739, filed July 20, 2001)

Confirmation No.: NOT YET KNOWN

Group Art Unit: NOT YET KNOWN

Filed: October 30, 2003

Examiner: NOT YET KNOWN

For: A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DISCRETE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

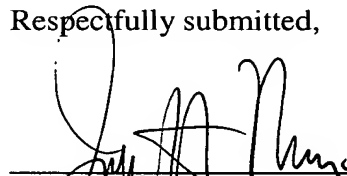
**SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS**

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith three (3) sheets of replacement drawing containing Figs. 3, 4 and 5 whereby the drawing corrections conform to those filed in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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